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Phil Miller withdraws request for Halloween Trunk or Treat event

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

After the Belleville Central Business Community rejected his application to have the First Annual Rotary Trunk or Treat event on Halloween on a closed Main Street, Phil Miller withdrew his request to the Belleville City Council for the event.

At Monday's regular council meeting, Miller said the request will be back next year, hopefully with CBC support.

He said there is overwhelming support for this in the community, referring to closing Main Street during trick or treating for the safety of the children.

He said the CBC said there wasn't enough time to change the plans for this year.

Miller had been on the council agenda with a request to close Main Street from Third to Fifth streets, including Roys Street up to the Chase Bank drive through exit and Fourth Street up the alley between 397 Main and the Belleville Area District Library.

Also, Liberty Street parking would be limited to the east side of the street to facilitate public safety and traffic flow concerns.

The map of street closings he presented said it, "Mirrors Monday Night Car Show Use."

The Rotary plan described a 100-vehicle event on the street, which would be closed from 3:45 to 8 p.m.

Later in the meeting, Miller said he was disappointed in the action of the CBC. He said the city closes Main Street for the art council, car show, Battle of Belleville, "but won't close it for the children of Belleville to be safe."

He again said he would be back next year for permission and noted again, "There is overwhelming support for this in the community."

Mayor Pro Tem Jack Loria said he

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Van Buren Township Police Officer Adam Byrd, left, and Public Safety Director Greg Laurain were out in the rain on Saturday for the Family Fun Day event at Walgreen's. They were happy to report that the rain didn't keep the families from attending and there were lots of kids.

Clarita Po sues Sumpter Township for false arrest, conversion

By Rosemary K. Otzman
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On Friday Clarita Pajarillo Po filed a law suit in Wayne County Circuit Court against Sumpter Township, Sumpter Detective John Toth, and Sumpter Supervisor John Morgan.

She alleges False Arrest/False Imprisonment, Conversion, and Battery and demands a trial by jury and a judgment of no less than \$1 million.

The suit was filed by Clarita Po's attorney

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On Monday Brian Brown of Myrtle Masonic Lodge #84 presented a ceremonial check for \$1,500 to the Belleville Police Department for whatever needs they have. Accepting the check, right, is Police Chief Hal Berriman. Chief Berriman said the Masons sent a person to the police academy and will be sending individuals to the reserve academy. City Manager Diana Kollmeyer said the Masons deliver food for the city every month to 104-107 seniors and homebound. The council applauded the work of the Masons.

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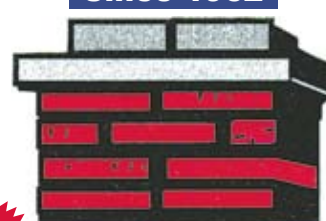
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SECOND FRONT PAGE



Independent photos by Rosemary K. Oztman

The Class of 1956 held its 60th reunion party at the Van Buren Eagles on Friday night and then celebrated again at the All Class Reunion on Saturday. From left in front are: Stella Rafalski Sobecki, Alberta Domen Grignon, Dorcas Lamb Brysacz, Claire Carpenter Ernst, Judy Birbeck Piper, Deanne Stech Schiller, Joy Laybourn Butler, Shirley Lipinski Needham, Sharon Greca Burkhouse, Barbara Rogalle Miller, Karen Wilkins. In back, from left, are: Felix Sobecki, Gerald McKelvey, Bill Neely, George Adams, Gary Piper, John Rafalski, Jr., Bill Case, Harold McArthur, Richie Millard, Sylvester Traskos, Edward Wright, Delmar Sanders, Albert Gutierrez, Brian Baker.



Class of 1950: In front, from left, Theresa Murphy Cochran, Shirley Carnahan, and Joy Markus. In back, from left, are Cornell Anton, Charlotte Mason Anton, Eileen Gonzy Zulz, Avalee Barnett Arndt and Shirley Lukomski.



Dorothy Ticknor, age 99, was present from the BHS class of 1934. She now lives in Chelsea.



Former BHS school teacher Ken Palmer, age 90, was present with this grandson Ben Palmer.



Class of 1946: From left, Bea Raymond, wife Marna Farmer, J.D. Farmer, and Darryl Raymond.

O P I N I O N S

Editorial

Destruction of the Riggs Heritage House a done deal?

At the work/study session of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees on Monday and the regular meeting on Tuesday the status of the Riggs Heritage House was discussed.

Trustee candidate James Chapman pushed for a board member to make a motion to put off demolition of the house until after the newly elected board is in place. On Tuesday, Trustee Reggie Miller made that motion, but there was no support.

Township Supervisor Linda Combs said the contract for demolition has already been awarded and signed.

Trustee Miller asked if that meant nothing could be done and the house will be taken down and Supervisor Combs said yes, that was the case.

Wolverine Pipeline was on the agenda Tuesday to explain what was going on with the clearing of its pipeline right of way and installation of a second pipe and Chapman asked if it wanted to get a good write-off by helping to save the house.

Members of the board objected to Chapman's request, but Miller insisted it was not inappropriate and a citizen could say what he wanted at the podium. Chapman said he was concerned that the township had not had advice from a restoration service that could tell whether the building could be restored. He gave the board a printout of such services in Michigan. Is it too late to save the house?

EXTRA THINGS I KNOW

Some of my classmates from the BHS class of 1954 at Saturday's All-Class Reunion were remarking how young the school district's new superintendent is. School Supt. Pete Kudlak was present to welcome all the alumni and then went from table to table to talk with all the alumni present. There were more than 200 who attended. He even bussed some of the tables to help out.

I told Supt. Kudlak that the school board can't ask him his age, but I could – and I did. He didn't miss a beat and replied he was 46 years old. My classmates congratulated him on his high position at such a young age.

They really liked him.

At Monday's school board meeting, Linda Clayton and Millie Baker were present to thank the district for helping with the reunion. Millie and her late husband Bob started the annual reunion after a beginning in Victory Park put on by the Carnahans.

Linda thanked the district for providing the four students who provided 45-minute tours of the new school and then stayed to help senior citizens get their meals.

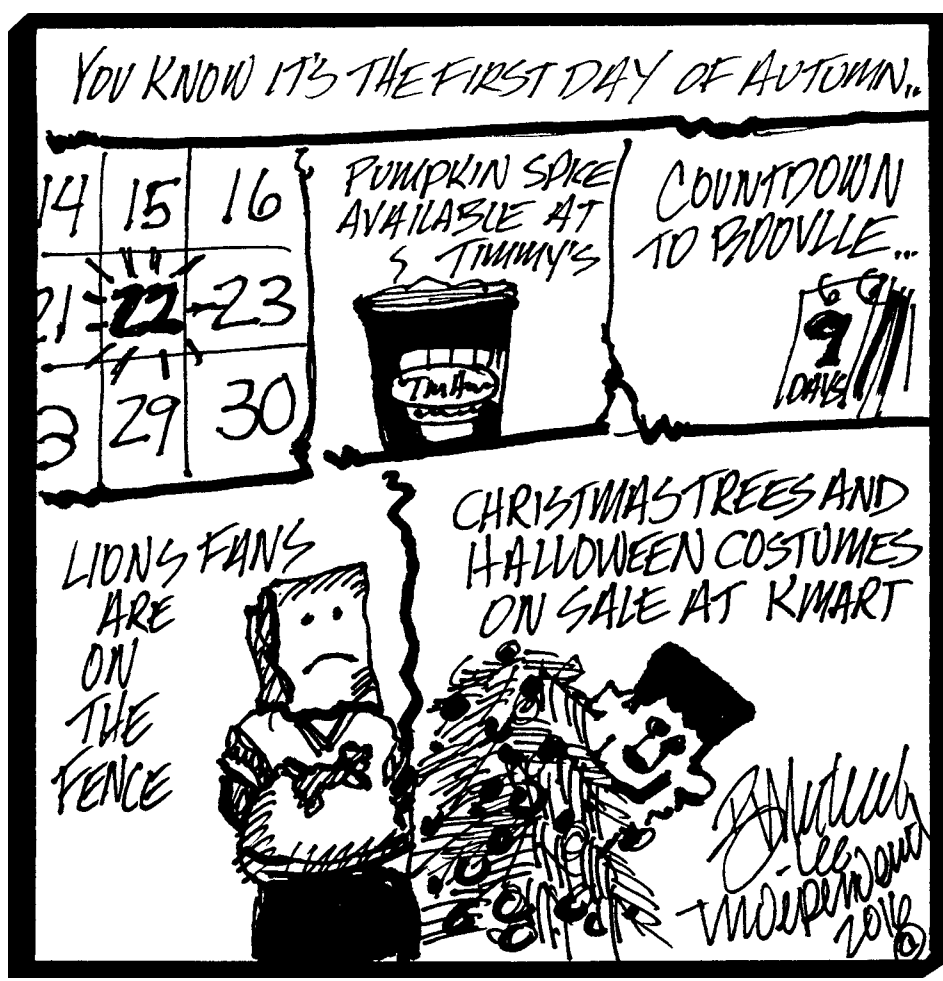
She said some alums were disappointed that they couldn't use credit cards in the school store and she hoped they could solve that problem.

She said Supt. Kudlak showed "servant leadership" by bussing tables to the end and talking with people. Clayton said although she is retired as a school teacher, "I would like to work for this man."

She said the students started bussing tables, too, after she saw the leader of the schools doing that.

Board member Sherry Frazier said a student told her, "That new superintendent

...By Rosemary K. Otzman



smiles." ***

At Monday's meeting of the Belleville City Council, Councilman Tom Smith said that his parents were active in the Masons and Eastern Star and they would be very proud of what the Myrtle Lodge in Belleville is doing to help the Belleville Police Department and the city.

Councilman Smith, who helped to put on the Soiree to fund the Music Lakeside program put on by the Belleville Area Council for the Arts, also reported that they had a great turnout this year, better than last year, so they should be able to provide a very nice concert program next summer.

At Tuesday's regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees, resident Reg Ion said there is a heroin epidemic going on in the country and in this community and he hoped the VBT police would work on it.

Trustee Reggie Miller said recently two siblings were lost on the same day because of this and the township needs to bring awareness to the problem.

Ion said the township needs to bring education and outreach on this.

Reg Ion also reminded people that schools are now open and drivers should watch out for children around buses. He said he has seen several drivers driving around buses while stopped for pick ups.

At Tuesday's VBT meeting, resident John Delaney said he is all for public safety but the election on the public safety millage is really a referendum vote on the board and how it spends its money. He said the remodel of the building and planning department and the clerk's department look great, but a tsunami is coming with the Visteon bond in 2019 and that money should have been saved for that. He said the township is spending money willy-nilly and he predicts the public safety millage question will fail again and again because of what the township is doing and public safety will have to eat the problem.



We received a call from a woman who got a call on her answering machine from the IRS. Now, she has been reading this column and she knew that the IRS doesn't call you, but always sends letters, but she was concerned.

She said she wondered whether to call the police or me and she decided to call me. I reassured her and told her to call her police agency just to reassure herself. She said later that the police told her the IRS never calls. Actually, she came over and introduced herself to me at the BHS All-Class Reunion on Saturday. What fun.

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Letters

Public Safety Day a success despite rain

To the Editor,

Van Buren Township Public Safety personnel were in full public view Saturday, Sept. 17, for their annual Public Safety Day. Static displays consisted of fire trucks, police vehicles, motorcycle, armored SWAT vehicle, Dive Team equipment, just to mention a few.

Law Enforcement Educational Program (LEEP) was once again on site for child fingerprinting and this year over 120 kids were printed. This program provided parents with a free CD Rom that includes the child's digital photograph, fingerprints, height, weight, and other pertinent information. This CD can be used by police and the Amber Alert system to help bring missing children home safely.

This was all to showcase the Public Safety assets and resources available to the community and meet the men and women (your local heroes) of our police, fire, and dispatch who protect and serve our residents.

The success of the event was largely due to the overwhelming support of the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and its Director Susan Ireland, Assistant Director Lisa Lothringer, along with Walgreen and its Manager Mike Johnson.

The DDA partnered up with Public Safety and Walgreen to provide us with the financial support along with handouts for the kids and entertainment including face painting and an appearance from Dee Dee the Clown. Walgreen has always provided us with the use of its location and in supplying free hot dogs, chips, and drinks. Longtime township businessman Toby Leis of Cal's Plumbing graciously provided cotton candy to all that attended.

This is our day to shine as Public Safety servants and to interact with the residents we serve and this also gives them a chance to see our human side. All of us have families and some live here, too, but we all have a sense of pride in serving the community.

Public Safety Day started at 10 a.m. and ended at 2 p.m. with over 400 in attendance despite the rain. All in all, we were able to meet one on one with our residents, educate the public on police and fire issues and in the process they were able to see the other side of our Public Safety professionals.

Thank you for your continued support!
Gregory M. Laurain
Director of Public Safety
Van Buren Township

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Lots of wonderful donations of items for our garage sale were dropped off at our address, much more than we thought we would get. People stopped by often to drop off cans and bottles, as well as cash donations.

The sale went very well and we were able to pay a couple bills for this month. Every month gets harder when only living off one income, but we have faith that we will pull through this. It's just a matter of time, and some obstacles in front of us.

We can't thank everyone enough for their love, support, donations, prayers and good thoughts. A community like this is a rare gift.

Sincerely,
Allison and Kevin D. Robertson
Belleville

About that sign in the middle of Main Street


To the Editor:

The people that drive Main Street do not know how to read signs, especially the sign that's by the Bayou. They need to go back to driving school and learn how to read all Michigan signs.

Name withheld by request -- of the person who had to wait for 20 cars to pass before one stopped to let him cross last week.

Editor's Note: Belleville Police Chief Hal Berriman said state law requires vehicles to stop once a pedestrian enters into the crosswalk. Once there is a foot in the crosswalk, a vehicle must stop and give right of way to the pedestrian. Chief Berriman noted the reminder sign in the middle of Main Street is "a mess" and will need to be replaced in the future. It's been knocked over, run over, and dragged a few times.

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Joseph D. Brooks

JOSEPH D. BROOKS

Joseph D. Brooks, who was raised and spent much of his life in Belleville, MI passed away on September 6, 2016 at the age of 65 in Alaska where he has lived for the past 10 years. Joseph is survived by his mother, Margaret "Pegi" Schultz; his four children Kristina, Jessica, Joseph, and Jeffery; his wife, Susan Brooks and grandchildren; and many other family members and dear friends.

Joseph had a very full life. He started life in Belleville, MI in 1950. After high school graduation he joined the army as a medic for the elite Green Berets. After the army he was an ambulance driver in Detroit where he saved lives and delivered babies. He then pursued higher education and attended the College of Engineering at the University of Michigan. After college he moved to Colorado to become a Trane technician. He then started his own heating and cooling business in Virginia which he later moved to Belleville, MI where the business thrived. In 2006, Joseph moved to Alaska, remarried, and became a beloved member of the Whitestone community in Delta. Joseph and his first wife, Terry Brooks, raised his four children with lots of love and encouraged them to care about others, pursue the truth, and be intelligent and strong individuals. He shared that zest for life in Alaska with Susan's family, especially the grandchildren. He was a force in many lives and he will be dearly missed, but never forgotten.

Joseph's family and friends will be remembering his life and sharing quirky stories about him on Friday September 23, 2016 at the home he designed and built on W. Huron River Dr. in Belleville starting at 12:30 p.m. We invite you to join us and you can contact his family at 339-223-8113 (Jessica) or 734-740-7214 (Kristina).

MARY LOUISE MARTINSEN

December 27, 1932 - September 17, 2016
 Age 83, a longtime Belleville resident. Survived by five children, 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren. A celebration of her life will be held in the near future. David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville.

Correction: Sumpter PD bodycams to cost \$34,266.63 over 5 years

The total price of the five-year contract for bodycams for the Sumpter Township Police Department as reported in the editorial on page four of last week's *Independent* was incorrect. We apologize for almost doubling the price.

Rather than the \$66,000 we reported, the price will be \$34,266.63.

Rosemary K. Oztzman, editor



Daryl Eugene Berg

DARYL EUGENE BERG

Daryl Eugene Berg, 63, a former Belleville area resident, died September 3, 2016 in Hawaii.

Daryl is the loving son of Bonnie Berg of Canton; dear brother of Karen (Michael) Hertz of Ann Arbor, Kenneth Berg of Ypsilanti and Barry (Kim) Berg in Medford, OR. Daryl is also survived by six nieces & nephews and six grand nieces & nephews. Sadly, he is preceded to heaven by his father, Hagbard "Bart" Berg and brother, Lyle Berg.

A 1970 graduate of Belleville High School, Daryl proudly served his country in the US Army for two years. A twenty-plus year employee for M.D.O.T., he coached little league in Van Buren for fourteen years and organized the annual "BBB Open" golf tournament for eighteen years. He relocated to Hawaii fourteen years ago. He loved to travel to different countries and enjoyed building bird houses for friends. Daryl loved life and was loved by all that knew him.

In keeping with Daryl's wishes a simple cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at 1:30 PM, Saturday, October 8, at the Denton Faith Methodist Church, 6020 Denton, Belleville. Burial will follow at Denton Cemetery.

Sumpter Twp. Alert: Several overnight larcenies from autos

Last Thursday, Sumpter Township Police sent out a Nixle alert to the community after taking several reports of larcenies from autos overnight in the area of Willis near Sharon Court and Elwell Road.

All the vehicles had been left unlocked with valuables inside.

Police instructed residents to make sure to always lock their vehicles and do not leave any valuables inside.

Entry forms ready for 7th-annual Belleville Community Art Show

Entry forms are now available for the seventh-annual Belleville Community Art Show set for Nov. 4-6 at the Belleville Yacht Club. The forms need to be turned in by Oct. 21.

Entry forms are available at Belleville Area District Library, Belleville Area Chamber of Commerce, Frosty Boy, Garden Fantasy on Main, the Professional Building, Sumpter Ace Hardware, Twisted Rooster, and Van Buren Township Hall. They also can be printed out from www.BacaArtShow.org.

For more information, call (734) 347-0430.

Halloween

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would like it to go into effect this year, but apparently it needs more time.

In other business at Monday's meeting, the council:

- Approved the Belleville Zombie 5K Run/Walk put on by Belleville High School New Tech in conjunction with the Belleville Downtown Development Authority at 10 a.m. Oct. 15 starting at Horizon Park. Natalie Tarr spoke on behalf of the Zombie Run, which she said is a positive activity for the city of Belleville;

- Approved the BHS Student Council request for a parade for all the schools coming together on Oct. 14 at 5:15 p.m., with the necessity of West Columbia Avenue being closed in front of the high school for the event. It is Elementary Night and the parade with seven floats will travel from the Administration Building to the street and then east in front of the school to the main entrance and back onto school grounds. Felicia Lasenby presented the proposal to the council;

- Approved the use of Horizon Park from 1-4 p.m. on Oct. 9 for a Southwestern Wayne Democratic Club Community Picnic, with Oct. 16 as a rain date. Presenting the proposal was club president Sharon Curson and club member Mendie Russell;

- Approved accounts payable of \$136,208.48;

- Was reminded that a 6 p.m. meeting on Oct. 3 will discuss financial options for repairing the city streets. At the regular meeting that night, a proposed Special Events ordinance will be presented for study;

- Heard CBC president Bill Wolters announce the CBC is working on its 2017 projects and they are working on a one-day summer camp at Victory Park for kids with a catered lunch. He said he would bring back the details to get council approval;

- Heard former Councilwoman Kay Atkins read a prepared statement on issues and questions. She asked why the 25 mph signs were removed on Main Street going west to east. She said traffic is speeding on South Street in and out of town and a year ago she asked Chief Berriman to put up the sign that shows the speed of traffic, but he

has yet to do so. She also complained about the lack of South Street signs so people can find her place and her neighbors. She also noted there is a Parks and Recreation group, but no budget or activities for children from it. She questioned the setup of the DPW and police department and asked if the DDA is working on rebuilding the city;

- Heard Penny Mills why there are no trash cans by the high school and by First Street. Miller said he was looking for a trash can on Main and there wasn't any from Frosty Boy to Third Street. Building Official Rick Rutherford said one got hit by a car and was in pieces and removed. He will check out the trash receptacles;

- Heard Miller go on to say that the Van Buren Township police cut through the Marathon parking lot at Five Points to avoid the traffic light after hours and the VBT also turn right on red at Five Points and speed through town. "When are we going to talk to them about this?" he asked. He also said VBT police were pulling people over in the city. Chief Berriman defended the VBT police and said they could follow cars into the city in hot pursuit and if they are going faster than normal they may be going on an emergency run;

- Heard Michael Renaud start to explain about the mistaken markings on the new roadway at Five Points and he was stopped by Mayor Kerreen Conley who said there have been some "striping challenges" and calls have been made to the county. She said the markings don't make any sense. Rutherford said he met with the county guy earlier that day and, "We are adjusting";

- Heard City Manager Kollmeyer say six elementary school classes are doing scarecrows for the annual contest and Friday is the last day for participants to

sign up. Scarecrows should be delivered no later than Sept. 30;

- Heard Fire Chief Brian Loranger say the new air packs have been delivered and the fire fighters are training on them. Also, grants through Washtenaw County Mutual Aid are coming for hose and turnout gear;

- Heard Mayor Conley urge voters to try to get as informed as possible for the lengthy ballot on Nov. 8. She also said the street issues pointed out will be looked into and she invited Atkins to take part in the annual spring budget sessions to speak on what changes she would like to see;

- Heard a representative of Victoria Commons ask for a speed trailer to be set up in their subdivision, speak on the concerns with the "Davenport mess" that people see when they walk the trails, and asked questions on the bridge over a pond. Chief Berriman said it takes a hitch to move the speed trailer and none of the new police cars have hitches. Rutherford said

he and Berriman would work out the hitch problem;

- Heard Wolters report that the Taste of Belleville was the biggest one the CBC ever had, with more than 400 people attending and 20-21 servers; and

- Heard Mayor Pro Tem Loria thank Councilman Tom Fielder for all his time and effort going to meetings and helping the community.

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Minding Your Business with Bob Mytych



The people in this community are amazing, especially when it comes to animals and a good cause. Last week end, a garage sale took place on Riggs Road with all of the proceeds going to Friends of Michigan Animals Rescue in Sumpter Township. There was over \$3,000 worth of items and likely some donations in there, too. It can't be easy running a no-kill shelter as the owners are going through the process with the township of expanding their housing for dogs and are raising money to get all the required plans and permits approved. We try and feature nearly all of their fundraising events in this weekly column, such as a meet and greet adoption event coming up Oct. 1 at the Saline Farmer's Market and a beer tasting fundraiser coming Oct. 5 at the Original Gravity Brewing Company in Milan. Be sure to check out our weekly pet featured up for adoption and visit their website at www.friendsofmichigan.org and call (734) 461-9458.

Lakeside Art Show returns to the lake-front home of Debbie and John Juriga on East Huron River Drive in Belleville this Saturday, Sept. 24, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be artisans featuring glass, basketry, jewelry, pottery, garden art, photography and much more. For info, call (734) 395-8613. In case of rain, the event will be rescheduled.

First United Methodist Church on Charles Street is offering a free community dinner on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 6 to 7 p.m. Call (734) 697-9288 for info. The church offers free dinners every last Wednesday of each month.

Life-Line Screening is accepting registration for a stroke screening event next Tuesday, Sept. 27 held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles on Beck Road in Belleville. For \$149, you get screenings for Carotid Artery, Heart Rhythm, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, and Osteoporosis Risk Assessment. Call (800) 364-0457 to register and visit www.lifelinescreening.com for more info.

The Huron Sportsman's Club of New Boston is getting ready for Applefest 2016 on Sept. 30-Oct. 1 in Downtown New Boston offering free shuttle service, a beer tent, live music, steak fry, and other food items. See their ad in today's paper for festival times and the music line-up.

An automobile collection, guns, tractors, tools, and lawn equipment is being auctioned off at the home of Mike and Brenda Carone of Romulus on Saturday, Oct. 1, beginning at 10 a.m. Location is 38945 Wabash Street. For a list of the vehicles see their ad in today's paper. For photos and more info, visit the auctioneer's website at www.rolloandbrad.com.

The Belleville Tigers varsity football team (2-2) defeated Redford Union, 38-0 on Sept. 16. The Tigers host Dearborn Heights Robichaud tomorrow at 7 p.m. Go Tigers!

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Things to do in the Belleville area...

- **Thursday, Sept. 22** – The eight candidates running for four open seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in the Nov. 8 election are invited to take part in a 7 p.m. candidates' forum put on by the League of Women Voters at Belleville High School, 501 W. Columbia Ave. All are welcome to attend and write out questions to be answered.
- **Thursday, Sept. 22** – At 7 p.m. come to the Belleville Area District Library to meet an original Rosie the Riveter, one of the women who kept America's factories running during World War II: Phyllis Roullier. The program will feature a 15-minute documentary describing Roullier's time at the Willow Run factory and plenty of time for Q&A. Don't miss this chance to meet a woman who is truly a part of living history!
- **Thursday, Sept. 22** – The Canton, Plymouth, Northville, and Southwestern Wayne County Democratic Clubs invite you to a Community Conversation with Wayne County Executive Warren Evans from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall. Followed by Q&A.
- **Saturday, Sept. 24** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan invites you to a coffee hour at 10 a.m. at Leo's Coney Island, 9624 Belleville Road, Van Buren Township. Share your thoughts and perspectives on state issues.

- **Sunday, Sept. 25** – Sweet Friends of Music perform from 2 to 5 p.m. at September Days Senior Center, 46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township. Free. Information: Mike Hoben (734) 260-1170 or Lynette Jordan (734) 699-8918.
- **Monday, Sept. 26** – State Rep. Kristy Pagan invites you to a coffee hour at 7 p.m. at Panera Bread, 41950 Ford Road, Canton Township. Share your thoughts and perspectives on state issues.
- **Tuesday, Sept. 27** – It's National Voter Registration Day and the League of

Women Voters will be at Wayne County Community College, 9555 Haggerty Road in Van Buren Township from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to register voters. The booth will be in the main building near the cafeteria.

- **Wednesday, Sept. 28** – The Belleville Area District Library Board invites you to a 7 p.m. public forum at the Belleville High School mini-auditorium to get information on the Nov. 8 ballot proposal for a new library.
- **Wednesday, Sept. 28** – State Rep. Bill LaVoy invites you to visit with him at the

Sumpter Township Community Center, 23501 Sumpter Road, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tell him your concerns about state government. Ask him questions.

- **Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2** – It's the 2016 Huron Applefest in New Boston. Lots of activities, including craft show at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 19109 Craig Street.
- **Saturday, Oct. 1** – It's Oktoberfest time at the Van Buren Eagles, 6-11:30 p.m.



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Help wanted: School Board seeks member through December

Since Trustee Martha Toth has resigned her seat on the Van Buren Public School Board of Education, the school board needs to have someone to fill her term for the months of October, November, and December, ending Dec. 31.

If you are a resident of the school district interested in filling this temporary vacancy, fill out an application and submit it to the superintendent's office no later than 4 p.m., Friday, Sept. 30.

The information will be forwarded to the board on Oct. 3 and the board will fill the vacancy at its regular meeting on Monday, Oct. 10.

For more information on the application process, call the superintendent's office at (734) 697-9123.

League of Women Voters candidate forum for school board is Thurs.

The eight candidates running for four seats on the Van Buren Public Schools Board of Education in the Nov. 8 election have been invited to take part in the 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 22, candidate forum at Belleville High School.

The forum is put on by the League of Women Voters of Northwest Wayne County and Belleville members of the league will help put on the event.

Members of the audience will be encouraged to write out questions for the candidates. The forum will be recorded and will be available on the website of the League of Women Voters, www.LWVnorthwestwayne.org shortly after the forum.

Public invited to BHS Homecoming football game

The Belleville High School Homecoming football game and festivities will be held on Friday, Sept. 30.

Beginning at 5 p.m. the public is invited to stop by to tailgate, participate in activities, or purchase food items in the stadium. An alumni booth will give attendees a spot to mingle, reminisce, and to share memories of their time at BHS.

Merchandise will be available for purchase to support BHS, athletics, and the

band program.

At 7 p.m. the varsity football team will take on Thurston High School, and during halftime the 2016 Homecoming Queen and King will be crowned.

Come enjoy an evening under the stars as the students, cheerleaders, band, and alumni cheer on our football team as they claw their way into a playoff berth. For more information on how to reserve a tailgate spot, call Betty Small at (734) 697-9133.

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Should let new board decide on Riggs House

To the Editor:

Recent activity at the Riggs Heritage House/Park indicates that the Van Buren Township Board is moving ahead on its clandestine plans to tear this noble historical structure down. The board has not provided the public with any information on its plans, therefore it is "clandestine." The big question is: Why?

The house and land was acquired by VBT over 15 years ago. As stated on the plaque along the park trail: RIGGS HERITAGE HOMESTEAD, "Preserving Riggs farm was one of the priorities in creating the park. The House itself is almost 150 years old ... the most distinctive feature is the cupola ... which at the time was a very modern type of Italian architecture. This is a unique treasure of the township's that is showcased by the park ..."

At what point did the current lame duck board decide that the stated priorities should be cast to the wind and the house torn down, without even seeking any public input? Did they EVER call for volunteers to assist in its restoration? Are they just doing what they want with this critical homestead? Destroying it so current and future generations will have nothing of American values to look back on and enjoy?

There is precedent for this type of board action. The old Robbe farmhouse on Haggerty Road was supposed to have been preserved as a historical site -- but it was torn down, contrary to stated plans. Now nothing is left there but a plaque on a rock. There is certainly a diminished supply of historical farms to preserve and Riggs Heritage House may be the last chance to do so.

When the Riggs barn burned down on Thanksgiving 2013, VBT received an insurance payment of about \$30,000. This is the money they are using to finish tearing the farmstead down. To do so before the transfer of decision-making power to the new board in November may be truly spiteful, as the house will be gone and the money spent on its destruction instead of being available to restore the house.

Shouldn't the sitting board delay the destruction until after the election, and allow the new board to reassess and perhaps make a different decision? There is certainly a shortage of 150 year old farmhouses in VBT. Farms were our heritage. This may be the last one. So, why the hurry to get it destroyed before a new board sits? When it's gone, it will not be replaceable.

If the aim is to preserve the farm, then tearing the house down must certainly be in conformance with that aim. Will VBT please tell us how?

The proper and ethical thing for VBT to do is to table the destruction and graciously leave that decision to the new board, who may well arrive at a decision to protect,

preserve and restore the Heritage Farm House.

As a local historian, I have found that there is some evidence that the farm/log cabin (before the 1867 house) was used as an Underground Railway Station assisting fugitive slaves down the Huron and to Canada. Are the board members willing to justify their action in destroying the house built by that man?

The house is not in as bad a condition

as certain people (who have never been in the house) would have us believe. I assessed it over 10 years ago and flagged the asbestos which they are just getting around to removing. That is a good thing, a first step toward restoration; or in this case, destruction.

There are quite a few people who are interested in volunteering to be involved with any restoration. Three of them I know of have builder's licenses.

Actions speak louder than words, especially louder than the words "Preserving Riggs Farm ..."

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Po law suit

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Ronald Reese, with offices in Canton, and the defendants were expected to be served on Friday. They have 21 days to answer the complaint.

The case #16-011815-NO will be before Judge David J. Allen. A status conference is scheduled for Dec. 16.

According to the complaint, Clarita Po,

76, lives with her husband Nelson Po on Harris Road in Sumpter Township. She is in frail health, suffering from diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, gout, and arthritis, according to the complaint.

Her husband is a medical marijuana grower in Sumpter Township and on Aug. 16 at about 10:30 a.m., Det. Toth falsely arrested and falsely imprisoned Clarita Po as part of a drug raid, the complaint said. Police raided her husband for allegedly growing marijuana in excess of the legal amount allowed.

The complaint alleges Clarita Po was not allowed to leave her residence on her own volition beginning at 10 a.m. and at about 8 p.m. she was put in handcuffs and taken in a Michigan State Police cruiser to the Huron Township lockup used by Sumpter Township for its prisoners.

The complaint said Sumpter Township uses the Huron Township jail because Sumpter cannot afford a jail facility of its own.

At the time of her arrest Clarita Po informed the defendants that she was not involved in her husband's medical marijuana business and knew nothing about it, the complaint said.

She was held against her will for three days, for the first 10 hours at her own residence, and then at the lockup until about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 19.

While they were holding her in jail, she repeatedly requested to have her medication, but was refused, putting her health at hazard, the complaint said.

Det. Toth submitted a warrant request to the Wayne County Prosecutor requesting that Wayne County find probable cause to prosecute Clarita Po, but the warrant was denied because no evidence existed that Clarita Po was involved in any illegal activity, the complaint said.

The complaint said that Nelson Po does not operate his marijuana business out of his home, but out of the outbuildings at the back of his property. Because of her health problems, Clarita Po cannot easily walk out

to these outbuildings, the complaint said.

The complaint alleges that Det. Toth and the Michigan State Police did not arrest Clarita Po because she had committed a crime but because they wanted to keep her from interfering with their seizure of personal property and assets belonging to the Pos that virtually all were unrelated to Nelson Po's medical marijuana business.

"Upon information and belief Sumpter Township seized the lawful personal property of Clarita Po and Nelson Po because Sumpter is financially stressed, close to bankruptcy, and lacks the necessary funds to pay its bills and its employees," the complaint said.

Count Two of the complaint alleges Conversion, alleging the defendants converted, stole, and/or confiscated Clarita Po's personal property and assets, including but not limited to two Rolex watches, a diamond wedding ring, \$35,000 in cash that personally belonged to her and was kept underneath her dresser in her private bedroom, \$29,050 from her personal safe in her home and \$3,960 in cash in her pocket on the day of her arrest, plus another \$152 in her pocket. A cellphone unrelated to her husband's business and other personal assets were also taken by police.

Count Three in the complaint is Battery and alleges that when she was arrested they placed their hands on her in an offensive way and handcuffed her without her consent.

The complaint said that during her entire life, Clarita Po has been a law-abiding citizen. She was born in the Philippines and immigrated to America in 1973, proudly earned her United States citizenship, and enjoyed her Michigan residence and American citizenship peacefully since her arrival.

She worked as a registered nurse from 1973 until 2011 at Van Buren Convalescent Home (1973-79), Annapolis Hospital in Wayne (1973-2011), and at Maple Manor Rehabilitation Center in Wayne (2011-2013), altogether a 40-year career as a registered nurse. During this time she personally cared for about 6,000 patients.

Attorney Ruark said this is the first of several law suits he plans to file against Sumpter Township, finishing off with a major Civil Rights suit.

"Sumpter Township brought this all upon themselves," Ruark said, noting that instead he could have given them hundreds of thousands of dollars in their budgets with the medical marijuana business.

But, instead, all this litigation is necessary and they have to pay their lawyers, he said.

"There's some brain-dead people in Sumpter Township," Ruark said.

"I'm a constitutional scholar and what gets me the worst is the violation of Fourth Amendment rights," he said.

He said police took fraudulent claims to the 34th District Court to get a search warrant and they had no right to keep them in jail.

"Police won round one. Police always win round one," Ruark said. "But, it's going to be fought out in the courts on a fair and level playing field."

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Kenneth Landstrom
Van Buren Township Resident

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- Wednesday, Sept. 28 – Van Buren Township Planning Commission, 7:30 p.m.
- Monday, Oct. 3 – Van Buren Township work/study session, 4 p.m. Also, Belleville City Council, 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 6 p.m. meeting to hear the financial options for the proposed street/ road project.



Sumpter Township Public Notice



Advertisement For Bids

The Township of Sumpter is seeking sealed bids for repair of three (3) Parking lot Drains and repair of a Section of Sidewalk on South Side (North Entrance), Location: Fire Station #1, 20550 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111. Sealed bids must be submitted to the Sumpter Townships Clerks Office, Attention: Clarence J. Hoffman Jr. 23480 Sumpter Road, Belleville, MI 48111, (734) 461-6201. Bid opening will be at 2:00 pm on October 3, 2016.

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Belleville Area District Library Public Notice

Belleville Area District Library Proposed New Library Public Forums Wednesdays at 7 pm

- September 28, 2016:** Belleville High School (Mini-auditorium)
- October 5, 2016:** Van Buren Township Hall (Denton Room)
- October 12, 2016:** Sumpter Township Hall (Board Room)
- October 26, 2016:** Wayne County Community College District, Western Campus

Learn about the library’s plans to build a new library in downtown Belleville and to open a satellite media center in Sumpter Township. More information can be found at: www.belleville.lib.mi.us/building-program.

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Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

POLICE VEHICLE AUCTION

On Wednesday, September 28th, 2016, the Van Buren Township Police Department will conduct a public auction of impounded and abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin at 10:00 a.m. at **J&T Towing** and Storage, 287 Industrial Dr. Belleville MI, County of Wayne, where the following will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

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1988	Chevrolet	4DR	1G1BU51Z7JA152093	16-16463
2001	Ford	4DR	1FAFP34341W357357	16-16314
1998	Infiniti	4DR	JNKCA21A5WT610057	16-5306
1996	Four Winds	ME	1FDKE30G0SHB41451	16-12395
1999	Chevrolet	4DR	1G1JF5245X7279424	16-13788

All vehicles are sold in “as is condition.” Bidding on all impounded vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

Leon Wright, CMC
Van Buren Township Clerk
Published: September 22, 2016



Sumpter Township Public Notice



INVITATION TO BID SUMPTER TOWNSHIP WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION

**The Township of Sumpter is accepting proposals for the
SENIOR CENTER GENERATOR INSTALLATION
in Sumpter Township, Wayne County, Michigan**

The proposed project consists of the installation of a generator already procured by the Township at their Senior Center facility located at 23501 Sumpter Road, Belleville, Michigan 48111. The project is funded by CDBG grants and subject to prevailing wage regulations as dictated by the Davis-Bacon Act.

Sealed bids will be received by:
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk
Sumpter Township
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

Until Monday, October 3, 2016 at 1:30 pm (local time)
Bids shall be publicly opened and read on:
Monday October 3, 2016 at 2:15 pm (local time)
Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office
23480 Sumpter Road
Belleville, Michigan 48111

The Contract Documents may be examined at the offices of the Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the Sumpter Township Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday through Friday.

Township of Sumpter
Clarence J. Hoffman, Jr., Township Clerk

Publish: September 22, 2016



They’re reading the Independent everywhere

Sue Wade reads her *Independent* in Madison, WI, at the finish line of Ironman Wisconsin on Sept. 11. Phil and Sue Wade were in Madison to cheer on fellow BBC Strider Ty Patton as he competed in the grueling Ironman event. Ty completed the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile bike ride and 26.2-mile run in a fantastic time of 12:26:40. Also cheering Ty on as part of “Team Ty” was Ty’s wife Sheila.

You, too, are invited to submit a photo of you reading the *Independent* in an exotic location. Please include the name and address of the person you wish to get the free subscription when it is printed. Include your phone number if you want us to let you know just before goes in the paper. A person may use this offer to get a total of two free subscriptions – and no more.

If you aren’t going to an exotic location, just send us \$30 for postage to an address inside Michigan or \$35 out of state, and we’ll provide mail delivery of the *Independent* so you won’t miss a single, exciting issue.



**City of Belleville
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
September 6, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Council for the City of Belleville was called to order at 7:30 P.M., at the Municipal Building, 6 Main Street by Mayor Conley.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & MOMENT OF SILENCE

2. ROLL CALL

Council Member Fielder	Present
Council Member Smith	Present
Council Member Tindall	Present
Mayor Pro Tem Loria	Present
Mayor Conley	Present

3. PRESENTATIONS AND CITIZEN COMMENTS

None

4. AGENDA APPROVAL

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve the agenda.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Fielder to approve the Regular City Council meeting minutes of August 15, 2016 with minor changes was approved.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. PUBLIC HEARINGS

None

7. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

None

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Special Work/Study Session for Discussion of Road/Street Project

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve **Resolution No. 16-095** calling for a work/study session of the Belleville City Council on October 3, 2016 at 6 p.m. to discuss the proposed street/road repair project.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Sealed Bids for 2017 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicle Equipment and Installation

City Clerk Sherri Scharf opened the only bid received for the above-referenced Police vehicle equipment stating that the bid from Priority One Emergency was for \$11,456.

Motion by Smith, Second by Fielder to approve

Resolution No. 16-096 to select Priority One

Emergency's bid of \$11,456 for 2017 Police

Interceptor Utility Vehicle equipment and installation as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

C. Use of Fourth Street Square for the Witches' Ball

Motion by Loria, Second by Smith to approve as presented **Resolution No. 16-097**: Egan's Pub/Chamber of Commerce request to use Fourth Street Square for the Witches' Ball on Friday October 21, 2016.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1 (Member Tindall

opposed).

D. Use of Fourth Street Square for St. Patrick's Day

Motion by Fielder, Second by Loria to approve

as presented **Resolution No. 16-098**: Egan's Pub

request to use Fourth Street Square for St. Patrick's

Day on March 17, 2017.

MOTION CARRIED 4-1 (Member Tindall

opposed).

9. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & DEPARTMENTAL EXPENDITURES

Motion by Tindall, Second by Loria to approve

Resolution No. 16-099 to approve accounts

payable and payables over \$500.00 for a total of \$276,461.78.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

10. ACTION ITEMS FOR NEXT REGULARLY

SCHEDULED MEETING

None

11. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Loria, Second by Tindall to adjourn the

meeting at 8:35 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Sherri Scharf, City Clerk

Approved: 9-19-16

Published: 9-22-16

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Court Watching:

**VBT Police to arraign
Po on misdemeanor
charge on Sept. 28**

By Rosemary K. Otzman
Independent Editor

Nelson S Po, 67, of Sumpter Township was due for an arraignment and pretrial for a misdemeanor on Sept. 7 before 34th District Court Judge Tina Brooks Green, but the session was rescheduled to 9 a.m., Sept. 28.

Van Buren Township Police have charged Po with one count of molesting or disturbing workers on Oct. 29, 2015.

Po is accused of causing a problem by bothering Sumpter Township Trustee Don Swinson at his job at Atchinson Ford in VBT.

Det. Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case. Ronald Ruark is Po's retained attorney.

This charge will be heard at the same court session at 9 a.m., Sept. 28, when Po's probable cause conference will be held on one felony charge of delivery / manufacture of 5-45 kilograms of marijuana or 20-200 plants on Aug. 16 in Sumpter Township. Sumpter Detective John Toth is in charge of this case.

Michael Scott Kane

Michael Scott Kane, 46, was due for his

probable cause conference on Sept. 14 before Judge Tina Brooks Green, but his retained attorney David Rudoi asked for a competency hearing. Kane is scheduled for his next exam on Oct. 5 at 34th District Court.

Kane is free after posting \$25,000/10% bond on four felony charges: unarmed robbery, unauthorized driving away of a motor vehicle, receiving and concealing stolen property more than \$1,000 but less than \$20,000, and receiving and concealing a stolen vehicle on May 9 in Van Buren Township.

VBT Detective Mark Buxton is the officer in charge of the case.

Charter Township of Van Buren Public Notice

**NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE GENERAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016**

To the Qualified Electors of CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN- WAYNE COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, October 11, 2016 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election.

The November 8, 2016 General Election will be conducted in all voting precincts of the Charter Township of Van Buren for the purpose of consideration of proposals and nominating candidates for the following office(s):

PRESIDENTIAL: President and Vice President **CONGRESSIONAL:** District Representative in Congress. **LEGISLATIVE:** District Legislative Representative. **STATE BOARDS:** Member of the State Board of Education, Regent of the University of Michigan, Trustee of Michigan State University, Governor of Wayne State University. **COUNTY:** Prosecuting Attorney, Sheriff, Clerk, Treasurer, Register of Deeds and County Commissioner. **TOWNSHIP:** Charter Township of Van Buren Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk and Trustees **JUDICIAL:** Justice of the Supreme Court, Justice of the Supreme Court Incumbent (Partial Term), District Judge of the Court of Appeals Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Incumbent Position, District Judge of Circuit Court Non-Incumbent Position, District, District Judge of the Circuit Court Incumbent Position (Partial Term), Judge of Probate Court Incumbent Position, Judge of District Court Incumbent Position. **VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS:** Board Member. **DISTRICT LIBRARY:** Board Member Belleville Area District. **PROPOSALS COUNTY:** Authorizing the Regional Transit Authority of Southeast Michigan to Levy an assessment of 1.2 mils for 20 years beginning 2016. **PROPOSAL TOWNSHIP:** Charter Township of Van Buren Public Safety Millage 6.5 mils for seven years beginning 2017. **PROPOSAL LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Van Buren Public Schools Operating Millage Proposition Exempting Principal Residence and other Homestead Property 20 mils for eight years beginning 2017. **PROPOSAL LIBRARY:** Belleville Areas District Library I Bond Proposal to borrow the sum of not to exceed fourteen Million Dollars and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds for all or a portion of the amount 0.75 mil for a maximum of 21 years beginning in 2017, Belleville Area District Library II District Library Operating Millage Proposal 0.75 mil for 20 years beginning 2017. **PROPOSAL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT:** Regional Enhancement Millage Proposal Wayne County Regional Education Service Agency 2.0 mills for six years beginning 2016 (RESA District members)

A sample of the ballot may be obtained at the Van Buren Township Clerk's Office or on the Township website www.vanburen-mi.org.

If you are not currently registered to vote or have changed your address in the above stated jurisdiction in which you live, you may do so at the following locations and times listed in this notice.

Qualified electors may also register to vote or change their address in the following manners:

In Person:

At the township clerk's office or at the office of any county clerk during normal business hours.

At any of the Secretary of State Branch offices located throughout the state during normal business hours.

At the specified agency for clients receiving services through the Family Independence Agency, the Department of Community Health, Michigan Jobs Commission and some offices of the Commission for the Blind.

At the military recruitment offices for persons enlisting in the armed forces.

By Mail:

By obtaining and completing a Mail Voter Registration Application and forwarding to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Mail voter registration applications may be obtained by contacting:

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP CLERK

46425 TYLER RD.

VAN BUREN TOWNSHIP, MI 48111

Telephone number:

734.699.8909

Qualifications for Registration

1. Applicant is at least 18 years of age.
2. Resident of Van Buren Township for at least 30 days.
3. Citizen of the United States.

Note: A Person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person or are at least 60 years of age or are handicapped.

Applications for Absentee Voter Ballots are available at the Clerk's Office. The deadline for filing an application to receive an Absentee Ballot for the November 8, 2016 General Election is Saturday, November 5, 2016 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Clerk's office.

Leon Wright
Township Clerk

Van Buren Township Police Dispatch Log

Out of the 639 dispatch calls reported by Van Buren Township police this week, the following are selected for this column.

Sunday, Sept. 11:
0141 – suspicious person, Waterworks
0252 – malicious destruction of property, Village Green
0359 – hospice, Venetian Ave.
0430 – harassment call, Denton Rd.
1354 – property damage accident, Ecorse Rd. / Morton Taylor Rd.
1411 – breaking & entering, Denton Rd.
1530 – breaking & entering, Price Rd.
1841 – narcotics crime, Capitol Dr. / Rawsonville
2057 – malicious destruction of property, Parkwood Dr.
2142 – assault & battery, S. Woodbury Dr.
2216 – disorderly conduct, Juniper Dr.
2227 – operating while intoxicated, WB I-94 / Haggerty Rd.
Monday, Sept. 12:
1002 – child abuse, Daniel Dr.
1016 – malicious destruction of property, Quirk
1039 – abandoned auto, Hamilton St.
1417 – property damage, Rawsonville/Huron River Dr.
1626 – trespassing, Woodgrove Dr. / Whitewood Cir.
1647 – fraud, Denton Rd.
1738 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
1743 – larceny, Martz Rd.
1820 – assault & battery, Denton rd.
1924 – malicious destruction of property, Landmark
2223 – larceny, Belleville
2234 – disturbance, Daisy
2237 – fight, Bak Rd.
Tuesday, Sept. 13:
0103 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0112 – assault & battery, Belmont Dr.
0233 – noise complaint, Rite Aid
0413 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0715 – assault & battery, Ashbury Dr.
0936 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Ct.
1016 – ordinance violation, Rawsonville/Huron River Dr.
1057 – property damage accident, N. I-94 Service Dr.
1238 – neighbor trouble, Marlowe Ave.
1331 – larceny, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1420 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1455 – malicious destruction of property, Haggerty Rd. / Ecorse Rd.
1507 – missing person, Farm Rd.
1553 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1641 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1726 – larceny, Belleville Rd.
1824 – assault & battery, Truman
1828 – abandoned auto, Arthur
1835 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
1936 – abandoned auto, Colonial/Power lines
1939 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Meadows Ct.
2110 – vehicle repossession, Denton Rd.
2327 – narcotics crime, S. I-94 Service Dr.
Wednesday, Sept. 14:
0126 – disturbance, Hanover Dr.
0744 – malicious destruction of property, Redwood
0859 – harassment call, W. Archwood Dr.
1029 – property damage accident, Morton Taylor
1335 – personal injury accident, E. Huron River Dr. / Haggerty Rd.
1652 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
1720 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / Tyler Rd.
2008 – ordinance violation, Loza
2304 – assault & battery, S. I-94 Service Dr.
2356 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
Thursday, Sept. 15:
0245 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
0753 – vehicle repossession, Robson Rd.
0759 – disorderly conduct, S. I-9164 Service Dr.
1334 – private property incident, Rogers Ave.
1611 – private property accident, Tyler Rd.
1625 – assault & battery, Jackson St.

1646 – juvenile complaint, Parkwood Dr.
1659 – property damage accident,
1711 – personal injury accident, Ecorse/Haggerty
1715 – fraud, Belleville Rd. Haggerty/Van Born
1835 – ordinance violation, Parkwood Manor
1855 – harassment call, Martz Rd.
1927 – PPO violation, Oak Ln.
2013 – noise complaint, Prairiegrass Ct.
2015 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2109 – retail fraud, Belleville Rd.
2130 – shots fired, Meadows Cir.
2138 – assault & battery, S. Ponderosa Trl.
2235 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Riggs
2244 – vehicle repossession, Dewitt Rd.
2254 – shots fired, Pond Bluff Dr.
2319 – fraud, Belleville Rd.
2320 – hospice, Martz Rd.
Friday, Sept. 16:
0036 – disorderly conduct, S. I-94 Service Dr.
0132 – disorderly conduct, Rawsonville
0136 – assault & battery, Rawsonville
0335 – vehicle repossession, Oak Ln.
0751 – property damage accident, Ecorse/I-275
0935 – malicious destruction of property, Riggs Park
1009 – private property incident, Haggerty/Ecorse BP
1039 – neighbor trouble, Sadie Ln.
1311 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / I-94 Service Dr.
1402 – abandoned auto, S. I-94 Service Dr.
1429 – missing person, I-275/Ecorse
1644 – property damage accident, Ecorse/Denton
1647 – private property incident, S. I-94 Service
2304 – missing person, Denton Rd.
Saturday, Sept. 17:
0557 – personal injury accident, W. I-94/Haggerty
0608 – assault & battery, Denton Rd.
0834 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Republic Dr.
0959 – trespassing, Belleville Rd.
1055 – property damage accident, EB I-94/rest llarea
1056 – larceny, Andover Dr.
1109 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / McDonald’s
1115 – larceny from auto, Fay Dr.
1231 – property damage accident, WB I-94 / Belleville Rd.
1247 – property damage accident, Belleville Rd. / McDonald’s
1447 – juvenile complaint, Quirk Rd.
1524 – larceny from auto, Belleville Rd.
1556 – property damage accident, Rawsonville
1627 – harassment call, Elwell Rd.
1636 – property damage accident, Huron River Dr. / Linda Vista
1757 – suicide or attempt, Andover Dr.
1942 – water leak found, Tyler/Visteon
Also on this week’s log are 260 traffic stops, 47 of which were on the I-94 and I-275 freeways.

Belleville Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 11:
0126 – larceny, Main St.
0140 – miscellaneous complaint, Victory Park
0200 – domestic assault, Belle Villa Blvd.
0229 – parking complaint, Carmell St.
0312 – noise complaint, Victorian Ln.
0721 – noise complaint, S. Liberty St.
1047 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1122 – assist fire dept., Harbour Pointe Dr.
1428 – warrant arrest, Van Buren FD on Belleville Rd.
1714 – suspicious situation, E. Huron River Dr.
1819 – larceny, Potter Dr.
2046 – suspicious vehicle, W. Columbia Ave.
2124 – warrant arrest, Carlton Rockwood Rd.
2256 – assist fire dept., Second St.
Monday, Sept. 12:
1006 – found property, Main St.
1306 – suspicious situation, Village Park
1353 – juvenile complaint, Secretary of State
1724 – neighbor trouble, Henry St.
2157 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2209 – civil matter, Henry St.
Tuesday, Sept. 13:
0230 – E-911 hang up/investigation, W. Columbia Ave.

0922 – vehicle lockout, Carmell St.
1059 – parking complaint, Main St.
1239 – missing person, Clarence St.
1401 – property damage accident, South St./south of tracks
2045 – assist fire dept., W. Columbia Ave.
2124 – intrusion alarm, Owen
Wednesday, Sept. 14:
0106 – intrusion alarm, Owen
0133 – parking complaint, Belle Villa Blvd.
0451 – intrusion alarm, Owen
0903 – fraud, Main St.
0907 – prisoner transfer, Bemis/Sumpter
1224 – vehicle lockout, Owen St.
1300 – warrant arrest, Lunch Box
1302 – juvenile complaint, Carmell St.
1459 – stalking, South St.
1544 – prisoner transfer, Main St.
1614 – traffic hazard, N. Liberty St./Fifth St.
1632 – animal complaint, Sumpter
2017 – parking complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
Thursday, Sept. 15:
0005 – unauthorized driving away of auto, Clarence St.
0748 – juvenile complaint, W. Columbia Ave.
0924 – welfare check, Belle Villa Blvd.
1310 – animal complaint, Third St./Main St.
1409 – animal complaint, S. Edgemont Ave.
1708 – all other traffic, Main St.
1813 – suspicious vehicle, Main St.
2009 – assist fire dept., Carmell St.
2053 – suspicious person, Chase
Friday, Sept. 16:
0206 – noise complaint, Loza Ln.
0305 – agency assist, Belleville/Harmony Ln.
0922 – assist fire dept., Third St.
1457 – fight, W. Columbia Ave.
Saturday, Sept. 17:
0256 – property damage, W. Columbia Ave.
0536 – assist fire dept., Biggs Ave.
1033 – E-911 cellular, Carmell St.
1154 – welfare check, W. Columbia Ave.
1307 – vehicle lockout, Sam’s Diner
1523 – property damage accident, Hayward’s
1853 – unauthorized driving away, Clarence St.
2216 – ordinance violation, Horizon Park
Also on this week’s log are 36 traffic stops.

Sumpter Township Police Dispatch Log

Sunday, Sept. 11:
0125 – animal complaint, Willow/Haggerty
0352 – well-being check, 21000 bl. Karr Rd.
0502 – fire dept. assist, Virginia
1032 – suspicious incident, Sumpter/Willis
1036 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1216 – alarm, 17000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1233 – larceny, 10000 bl. Rawsonville Rd.
1239 – harassment complaint, 47000 bl. Harris Rd.
1825 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Sumpter/Willis
1834 – reckless driver, 19000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1917 – larceny, 22000 bl. Karr Rd.
Monday, Sept. 12:
0603 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Willis Rd.
0925 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1054 – malicious destruction of property, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
1217 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1259 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1310 – breaking & entering, 20000 bl. Sherwood
1423 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1426 – 911 hang up, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1558 – reckless driver, Judd/Sumpter
1610 – disorderly person, 44000 bl. Paris Dr.
1626 – animal complaint, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
1708 – shots fired, 17000 bl. Odyssey Dr.
1804 – civil dispute, 22000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1919 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Arkona
2143 – citizen assist, Rawsonville/Judd
Tuesday, Sept. 13:
0032 – fire dept. assist, 25000 bl. Carleton West
0753 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Carleton West
0827 – runaway juvenile, 19000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
0932 – civil dispute, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1019 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1100 – recovered property, 8200 bl. Rawsonville
1237 – animal complaint, Haggerty/Oakville Waltz
1521 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.

1525 – neighbor dispute, Colorado
1603 – assist other agency, 20000 bl. Karr Rd.
1635 – animal complaint, 26000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
1658 – reckless diver, Willow/Sumpter
1734 – threats complaint, Rustic Ln.
1853 – alarm, 27000 bl. Martinsville Rd
1934 – ORV complaint, Judd/Bohn
1944 – fire dept. assist, 48000 bl. Roy Ct.
2127 – suspicious incident, 45000 bl. Judd Rd.
2225 – warrant arrest pick up, 24000 bl. Sherwood
Wednesday, Sept. 14:
0105 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0140 – warrant arrest pick up, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1144 – fire dept. assist, Carriage Ln.
1317 – felonious assault, 23000 bl. Sherwood Rd.
1547 – suspicious person, 8100 bl. Rawsonville
1907 – fire dept. assist, 41000 bl. Judd Rd.
1912 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
2217 – suspicious person, E. Arizona
Thursday, Sept. 15:
0244 – fire dept. assist, 21000 bl. Elwell Rd.
0501 – property damage accident, Oakville Waltz / Clark
0603 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0754 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0844 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
0846 – larceny, 45000 bl. Willis Rd.
0857 – larceny, 19000 bl. Sharon Ct.
0958 – 911 hang up, 20000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
1055 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1057 – civil dispute, 5100 bl. Oakville Waltz Rd.
1226 – unauthorized driving away of auto, 50000 bl. Willis Rd.
1257 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1335 – fire dept. assist, 20000 bl. Wilmot Rd.
1422 – larceny, 45000 bl. Willis Rd
1426 – assault, 24000 bl. Karr Rd.
1447 – animal complaint, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1631 – harassment complaint, Rustic Ln.
1726 – personal injury accident, 50000 bl. Willis
1903 – suspicious incident, 28000 bl. Sherwood
2058 – family trouble, 43000 bl. Judd Rd.
2100 – leaving the scene of a property damage accident, Rustic Ln.
2123 – suspicious incident, Willis/Martinsville
Friday, Sept. 16:
0946 – fire dept. assist, Hampshire
1021 – citizen assist, 23000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
1026 – fire dept. assist, 47000 bl. Bemis Rd.
1303 – animal complaint, 28000 bl. Karr Rd.
1525 – suspicious vehicle, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
1552 – family trouble, Carriage Ln.
1801 – warrant arrest pick up, 17000 bl. Lohr Rd.
1901 – larceny, 46000 bl. Willis Rd.
2006 – civil dispute, 25000 bl. Sumpter Rd.
2054 – reckless driver, 40000 bl. Harris Rd.
2355 – warrant arrest pick up, out of township
Saturday, Sept. 17:
0358 – fire dept. assist, 49000 bl. Willis Rd.
0652 – death investigation, 23000 bl. Clark Rd.
0802 – civil dispute, 39000 bl. Wear Rd.
1117 – missing person report, 19000 bl. Haggerty
1408 – suspicious incident, Montana
1716 – trespassing complaint, 26000 bl. Sumpter
1959 – alarm, 44000 bl. Judd Rd.
2103 – fire dept. assist, 23000 bl. Martinsville Rd.
2111 – mental health commitment, Rustic Ln.
2345 – suspicious vehicle, 28000 bl. Haggerty Rd.
Also on this week’s log are 24 follow-up investigations, 37 miscellaneous details, 111 patrol checks, and 45 traffic stops.

VBT sets special town hall meeting on Sept. 29

Although there was no mention of an upcoming special session as Tuesday night’s regular meeting of the Van Buren Township Board of Trustees ended at 8 p.m., by 8 a.m. the next morning, a special board meeting had been posted.

The hastily called town hall meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 29, at Fire Station #2, 7981 Belleville Road, for a presentation on the public safety millage on the Nov. 8 ballot and audience input and questions.



Benefiting Kevin D. Robertson

Friday, September 30, 2016 5:30-8:00 PM

Belleville Moose Family Center #934

45476 Harris Rd, Belleville, MI 48111

\$10 for Adults / \$6 for 12 and under includes:

Spaghetti Dinner (meatless / gluten free options available)

Salad / Bread / Dessert / Beverage

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Playground for kids

You can also participate in these additional

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Cash Bar

Raffle Baskets

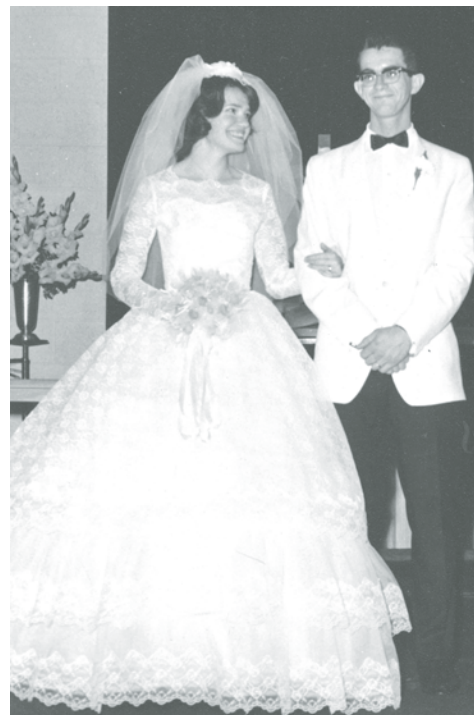
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Kevin D. Robertson at 28 years old was diagnosed with **Testicular Cancer** on May 7, 2016 that rapidly spread throughout his body. He went through a cycle of 4, week long Chemo treatments in the hospital. Soon he will under go 3 separate surgeries to take out the remaining Cancer. He currently does not receive any financial assistance and was without insurance for a brief time. He has not worked since May and will likely not work again in 2016.



To find out more about Kevin visit: www.gofundme.com/KevinRobertson

Call Steve Cinnamon 734-260-0250 with questions or for donation options



Judy and Rich in 1966



Judy and Rich Garascia

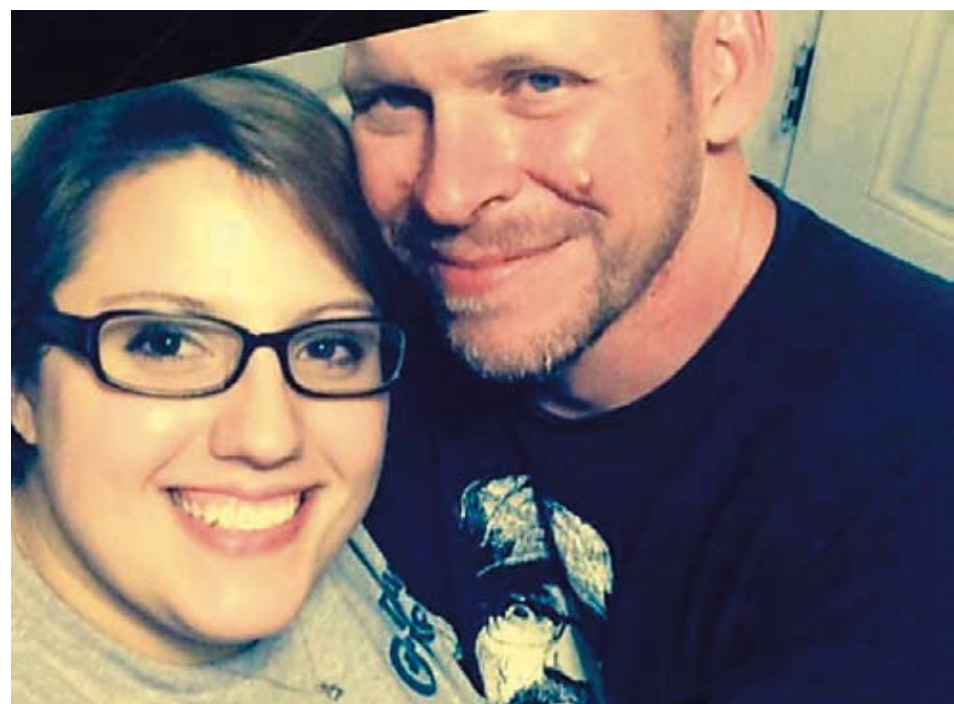
Rich, Judy Garascia celebrate 50 years

On Sept. 3, family and friends joined together to celebrate the 50th wedding anniversary of Rich and Judy Garascia in Belleville.

They were married on Sept. 3, 1966 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Cadillac,

MI.

Rich is from Detroit and Judy is from Cadillac. They have two daughters: Theresa (husband Sean) and Amy (husband Chuck), and two grandsons Thomas and Aaron.



Desire' Baessler and Al Baber, Jr., both of Ypsilanti, are engaged to be married and plan an October 2017 wedding. Desire' is the daughter of Wanda Baessler of Ypsilanti and Dean French of Maysville, OK. The bridegroom-elect is the son of Sharon Bentley of Ypsilanti and Alfred Baber of Piggott, AR.

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